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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4708

April 2, 2009

The Honorable David Obey
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-218, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jerry Lewis
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis:

I am requesting funding in the FY 2010 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, STAG Account for a sewer lift station replacement. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Soos Creek Water and Sewer District, located at 14616 SE 192nd Street, Renton, WA 98058. The funding would be used for the installation of a gravity flow pump. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

I hereby certify that this request will be made publicly available on my Official Website as required by Chairman Obey's new Committee policy that only posted requests will be considered.

Consistent with the Republican Conference's policy on project requests, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request: (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the Congressional Record describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Sincerely,

DAVID G. REICHERT
Member of Congress



OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

PROJECT REQUEST CERTIFICATION

By submitting this request for federal funding, I certify that:

- This project directly benefits the residents of Washington's Eighth Congressional District and merits federal funding assistance.
- None of the funds requested will be used for a new building, program, or project named after a sitting Member of Congress.
- None of the funds requested will be used to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the project request.
- For requests where the receiving entity is not a unit of federal, state, or local government, or where the entity receiving the funding will not be providing support to a federal, state, or local government, or will not be providing research, the organization will provide matching funds, including in-kind contributions of 5% or more above the statutory requirement.
- For requests from non-federal, -state, or -local government entities or other public institutions, the organization will submit an End User Letter(s) of Support from a public official representing the direct beneficiaries of the project. This will be inserted into the Congressional Record and disclosed on the Member's Congressional Website.
- Under separate cover, I agree to provide a comprehensive plan outlining the sources of funding for the duration of the project; the percent and source of required matching funds, anticipated sources of the funding for the duration of the project, and a detailed budget for how federal funding assistance will be used to support the project.
- In the interest of transparency, any information submitted with this project request may be disclosed for public review, including but not limited to the Committee or Member's Congressional Website and the Congressional Record.
- Should the project receive federal funding, I agree to disclose whether I hired a lobby firm; if so, the name of the lobby firm; and how much was paid to advocate for this project.

PROJECT NAME: Sewer Lift Station Improvement Project

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Ron Speer

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: District Manager

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: Soos Creek Water and Sewer District

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: 14616 SE 192nd Street, Renton, WA
98058-1039

SIGNATURE:

DATE: March 27, 2009

SOOS CREEK WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

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March 27, 2009

Rep. David Reichert
U.S. House of Representatives
1730 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

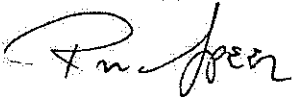
Congressman Reichert:

On behalf of the Soos Creek Water and Sewer District, I respectfully ask your support for a congressional appropriation of \$800,000 for the Sewer Lift State Replacement Project in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Interior and the Environment Appropriations bill, under the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) State and Tribal Assistance Grants program. Our project involves the installation of a gravity flow lift (pump) station and 500 linear feet of 10- to 12-inch gravity-fed (instead of the old force-fed) sewer lines. It will move into active construction starting in 2010.

The current lift station's advanced age and poor integrity threaten to spill untreated wastewater into Jenkins Creek (a salmon-bearing stream). The replacement lift will be gravity fed and will be put in at the same time as roadway repairs, an installation method that minimizes environmental and vehicular disruption. The area surrounding the station has had severe ground water problems, making this project of particular environmental importance. This is a project of national significance in that it demonstrates how local governments can add sewer system capacity in ways that are innovative, cost-effective, environmentally sensitive, and the least disruptive to residents, visitors, and businesses. In this way, it meets the EPA's goals of high quality environmental stewardship.

We would appreciate your support. This is project in which you, the Congress, and the EPA can take great pride. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Ron Speer
District Manager



SEWER LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Soos Creek Water and Sewer District
King County, Washington

Submitted for FY 2010 EPA Appropriations

Request: The Soos Creek Water and Sewer District request \$800,000 in the Interior and the Environment Appropriations bill, under the EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) account, to replace an aging sewer lift station.

Problems: The District has many aging and poorly functioning lift stations to advance effluent along the transmission lines. Replacement of Sewer Lift Station 24B is one such system that must be replaced to maintain compliance with state and federal clean water regulations.

Background: The District is an independent local government that serves south King County. The District's service now covers an area more than 35 square miles and provides water and sewer services to almost 100,000 people. Water is purchased from Seattle Public Utilities and reaches our reservoirs via Lake Youngs. The sanitary sewer system, with 30 lift stations, conveys the wastewater to the King County Department of Natural Resources treatment plant in Renton for treatment and disposal. The District's system is nearly 70 years old and many of its transmission lines, pump stations, and lift stations have reached their useful life. Replacement of several is necessary.

The priority for the service area is Lift Station 24B. The existing lift station on the edge of the roadway has reached its pumping capacity and must be replaced. Instead of building a new lift station, a more sustainable solution was devised that uses gravity flow. The system will have a minimum of 500 linear feet of 10- to 12-inch gravity sewer lines. The area surrounding the station has had severe ground water problems, making this project of particular environmental importance.

Design and engineering are complete and the project is scheduled to commence construction in calendar 2010. The project is in the District's capital budget.

Costs: The cost of the projects totals \$8 million. The 45% non-federal match will come from the District's capital budget.

Contacts: Kareem Murphy, The Ferguson Group at (202) 261-6071 and kmurphy@tfgnet.com; or, Ron Speer, District Manager of Soos Creek, at (253) 630-9900 and rspeer@sooscreek.com.



Soos Creek Water and Sewer District

Financing Plan for Sewer Lift Station Replacement Project

March 2009

Total Project Cost: \$8 million (available between 2008 and 2012)
Sources of Funds: Soos Creek Capital Fund (sewer system rate payers),
funded through previously issued general obligation bonds

\$1.8 million in non-federal funding is available in federal fiscal year 2010. The District has ample funds to pay the minimum 45% non-federal cost share.

Budget Breakout:

Design	\$ 1,250,000
Permits, e.g. Army Corps of Engineers	\$ 100,000
Lift Station Removal	\$ 400,000
Environmental Protection	\$ 1,000,000
Construction	\$ 4,650,000
Inspection	\$ 190,000
Restoration (Wetland)	\$ <u>410,000</u>
	\$ 8,000,000

Cost Share Percentage: Fully funding the request would provide 10% of the project's overall cost.

Budget Justification: Federal funding would defray costs that will otherwise be borne by the system's ratepayers. All federal funding will be used to reduce that portion of the project's costs that would be funded through debt bonds. All cost savings achieved through federal funding will be passed on to the system's ratepayers through reductions in anticipated rate increases. Federal funding allows the District to avoid cost increases needed to pay for the bonds.

FY2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM

REPRESENTATIVE DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

(ONE project/program per form)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization making request: Soos Creek Water and Sewer District Federal Tax Status: (i.e. 501(c)3) : exempt
Address: 14616 SE 192nd Street
City: Renton State: WA ZIP Code: 98058-1039
Point of Contact(POC): Ron Speer, District Manager
Phone: (253) 630-9900 Email: rspeer@sooscreek.com
Address: 14616 SE 192nd Street
City: Renton State: WA ZIP Code: 98058-1039
DC Representation (if any): Kareem Murphy
Phone: (202) 261-6017 Email: kmurphy@tfgnet.com
Address: 1130 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 300
City: Washington State: DC ZIP Code: 20036

PROJECT/PROGRAM INFORMATION

PROJECT TITLE: Sewer Lift Station Replacement Project

Prioritized: 1 of 1 total requests for your organization

Appropriations Bill: (Please check)

☐ Agriculture ☐ Commerce, Justice, Science ☐ Defense
☐ Energy and Water ☒ Interior and Environment
☐ State, Foreign Operations ☐ Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education
☐ Military Construction, Veterans' Administration ☐ Homeland Security
☐ Transportation, Housing and Urban Development ☐ Financial Services
☐ Legislative Branch

Agency/Bureau (i.e. FBI; Corps of Engineers; US Navy; ARS, etc.): U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Account (i.e. Buildings and Facilities, Aviation Safety; Capital Improvements, etc):
State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) Program

Amount requested for FY2010: \$800,000

Total cost of project: \$8 million

Minimum amount of FY2010 funding needed to begin or sustain this project: project funding is scalable. Any amount will help with cost-share.

Is this program authorized? ☐ YES ☒ NO If YES, bill number: Year:

Is this program funded in the President's FY10 budget request? ☐ YES ☒ NO If YES, amount: \$

Anticipated total future requests: \$500,000 Over the next 3 years

Local, state and/or private funding sources: Soos Creek Capital Budget (based on sewer rate users/rate payers)

Total Amount: \$7.5 million Over the next 4 years

Other sources of Federal funding: Economic Stimulus Funding (Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund through Washington Dept. of Ecology)

Total Amount: \$25,000 Over the next 1 years

Federal Agency Sponsor or Program Manager:

Office:

Phone Number:

Other agency advocate (if any):

Office:

Phone Number:

Are you requesting this through any other office(s): Yes

If yes, which office(s): Rep. Adam Smith, Sen. Patty Murray, Sen. Maria Cantwell

PROJECT FUNDING HISTORY (FROM CURRENT YEAR BACKWARD)

FISCAL YEAR	PRESIDENT'S REQUEST	ORGANIZATION'S REQUEST	FUNDING AMOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS BILL	ACCOUNT, SUBACCOUNT
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Executive Summary/Project Description (MAXIMUM 200 Words):

- Please include a discussion of the project's merits, relevance, eligibility, and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds.
- Please limit your description to 200 words.
- You may attach additional information, however, please understand that the description provided below will be used for any and all public disclosure requirements.

The project specifically involved the installation of a gravity flow lift (pump) station and 500 linear feet of 10- to 12-inch gravity-fed (instead of the old force-fed) sewer lines. It will move into active construction starting in 2010. The current lift station's advanced age and poor integrity threaten to spill untreated wastewater into Jenkins Creek (a salmon-bearing stream). The replacement lift will be gravity fed and will be put in at the same time as roadway repairs, an installation method that minimizes environmental and vehicular disruption. The area surrounding the station has had severe ground water problems, making this project of particular environmental importance. This is a project of national significance in that it demonstrates how local governments can add sewer system capacity in ways that are innovative, cost-effective, environmentally sensitive, and the least disruptive to residents, visitors, and businesses. In this way, it meets the EPA's goals of high quality environmental stewardship.

Justification of funding:

- How does this request fit within the identified bill and account (cite specific precedents and overall purpose of account)?
- How many jobs could this project create and how will it benefit Washington's 8th Congressional District?

The STAG account has traditionally been reserved for wastewater, drinking water, and stormwater projects by states and local governments. In the last 3 funding cycles, approximately 1/2 of all funded projects were for wastewater (sewer). The Soos Creek project is a sewer project and, therefore, consistent with recent congressional priorities in the EPA appropriations bill. The EPA's Office of Wastewater Management's programs support local initiatives to protect and support the "well-being of the nation's waters and watersheds." This project accomplishes both of those goals, particularly as they relate to Jenkins Creek (a salmon-bearing stream). This project, therefore, fulfills one of the EPA's core missions, and does so in the 8th Congressional District of Washington.

The project will create 224 near-term jobs for design and construction of the new lift station. The project will also support planned growth within the City of Covington and in the unincorporated portions of King County that surround the City. These jobs will all be in King County. All of the District's design work and construction are done through contracts. There will be no indirect jobs created because the entire project is done through separate contractors.

Specific language proposed for Congressman's request to the subcommittee (if any):

\$800,000 to the Soos Creek Water and Sewer District for the Sewer Lift Station Replacement Project.

Is there any other relevant information regarding this request that you would like to share?

The District is prepared to comply with any and all federal performance measurements. Project performance may be measured in terms of improvements to water quality in Jenkins Creek. It may also be measured in the lack of rate increases to sewer system rate payers. The project will stop periodic leakage into the watershed in which the current lift station is situated. This watershed feeds Jenkins Creek, which is a salmon-bearing stream. These and a host of other criteria may be used to judge the project's benefits and success. The District is prepared to provide more than the required minimum 45% non-federal cost share.

The project will also permit additional residential and commercial growth by expanding wastewater capacity. It will help King County by reducing the need for further expansion of its planned Brightwater Wastewater Treatment facility.

The District is an independent local government that serves south King County. The District's service now covers an area more than 35 square miles and provides water and sewer services to almost 100,000 people. Water is purchased from Seattle Public Utilities and reaches our reservoirs via Lake Youngs. The sanitary sewer system, with 30 lift stations, conveys the wastewater to the King County Department of Natural Resources treatment plant in Renton for treatment and disposal. The District's system is nearly 70 years old and many of its transmission lines, pump stations, and lift stations have reached their useful life. Replacement of several is necessary.

CONTINUE FOR DEFENSE REQUEST ONLY:

What is the name and number of the Program Officer for this request?

Have you contacted the Program Officer?

Appropriations Account: (Please check)

☐ RDT&E ☐ Procurement ☐ O&M ☐ Counter Drugs ☐ Medical
☐ Reserve Equipment ☐ National Guard Equipment ☐ Other (DW, for example)

Service: (Please check)

☐ Army ☐ Army Reserve ☐ Navy ☐ Navy Reserve ☐ Marine Corps ☐ Marine Corps Reserve
☐ Air Force ☐ Air Force Reserve ☐ Intelligence ☐ Army Guard ☐ Air National Guard

Line Item Title:

Identification:

R-1/PE # _____ P-1/Line # _____ TIARA/JMIP (Intel Only) _____

Sub-Activity Group (required for Personnel and O&M):